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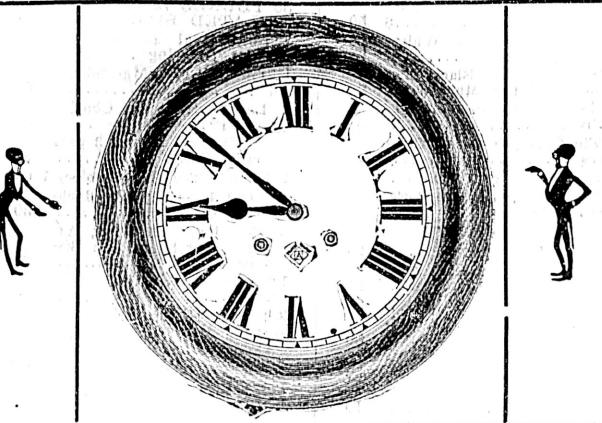
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High Angle
Bombardment

Japs Busy Pouring In Shot and
Shell on Doomed Port
Arthur.

Denial of Report That Vladivostock Squadron Was in an
Engagement.

Cotton Declared Contraband of
War By Order of Russian
Government.

London, May 10.—The Tokio correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of May 10th says that a high angle bombardment of Port Arthur is proceeding.

NO NAVAL BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—(10.10 p. m.)—An official investigation shows there is no truth in the report that the Vladivostock and Port Arthur squadrons have effected a juncture after a naval battle in which both squadrons suffered losses.

COTTON CONTRABAND.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—The action of the Russian government in declaring cotton to be contraband of war is due to its being used in the manufacture of high explosives.

RUSSIA WAS DECEIVED.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—M. Pavloff insists emphatically that deception was practiced by the Japanese telegraph officials at Seoul in failing to transmit his official despatches, which would have given him timely warning from Port Arthur and St. Petersburg of the immensity of hostilities. One despatch, dated February 8th, reported the current rumor that diplomatic relations had been broken, and another, dated February 7th, reported the landing of Japanese troops at Masamupo, Korea, and the landing at Chemulpo.

THE SEARCHING MAILED.

London, May 10.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today in regard to the recent searching of the steamer Osiris by the Russian warship Khrabryat, the postmaster-general, Lord Stanley, said ordinary postal letters were not contraband of war, but possibly despatches between the government of a belligerent state and its accredited minister might be so rated. No general rule of international law had been established giving special immunity to mail ships, but the right of search in the case of vessels should be so exercised as to minimize the inconvenience.

U. S. MILITARY ATTACHES.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—Capt. T. B. Mott, the military attaché of the United States, at Paris, and Major Macomb, United States, have arrived here. The former will remain in this city as military attaché of the embassy during the progress of the war. Major Macomb will proceed to the front. Both officers have been invited to ride with the suite of the Emperor in the big May review, which is to take place tomorrow.

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DR. WOODEND'S DECLARATION.

London, May 10.—Dr. W. E. Woodend, of the suspended brokerage firm of W. E. Woodend & Co., and wife, appeared today before Commissioner Hitchcock, who is conducting the investigation into the affairs of the firm. Dr. Woodend, in his defense, explained that both were too ill to leave their home. The commissioner then directed a physician to examine them, and upon his report today that they were physically fit to come to court, they were notified that, in case of failure to appear, a United States marshal had been directed to take them into custody. The services of the marshal were not required, however, as both witnesses were on hand some time before the hearing was opened.

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JAPAN'S POLICY
AFTER THE WAR

Russia to Be Allowed No Political
Influence In
Korea.

London, May 10.—Suyematsu, son-in-law of the Marquis Ito, former Japanese minister of the interior, who is now in the course of an interview to-day with reference to the fears expressed on the continent as to the effects of Japanese success on Japan's policy after the war, declared emphatically that Japan's policy is well defined and her success will make no difference. The future status of Korea would be that of a Japanese Cuba or a Japanese Egypt. Russia will not be allowed the least political or territorial hold there. Regarding Manchuria, Japan desires no rights there beyond what are enjoyed by other powers. Manchuria will be given back to China, and under conditions rendering it impossible for any return to the war conditions. Possible Manchuria may be made a buffer state under China's sovereignty. Discussing China's neutrality, M. Suyematsu said the chief danger was Russia, which was either wilfully or unconsciously irritating the Chinese, thus tending to break of neutrality. He did not believe that any change in China's attitude would involve France or Germany in the issues of the war, and concluded with declaring that Japan's aims were perfectly legitimate, her policy being to ensure absolute freedom for all powers in the Far East, and no Occidental power need have the slightest anxiety that Japan will suffer from a "swelled head" as a result of the conflict.

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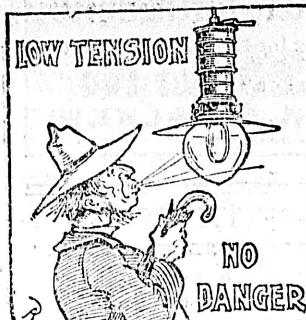
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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Los Angeles, May 10.—The final report of the book committee is in the hands of the delegates. It shows the total sales of the book concern of New York for the past four years to have been \$3,507,692, and of the Western book concern for the same period \$4,500,800. The Episcopal fund for ministerial support shows a cash balance of \$1,131, substantial increase.

UNRAVELLING MYSTERY.

Two Men Now Charged With Murder of Young Wentz in Virginia.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 10.—Warrants were served today on Silas Isom and Tom Wright, prisoners in jail at Tazewell, Tenn., charging them with the murder of Alvin Wentz, whose body was found near Big Stone gap last Sunday. The two men were being held in jail on the charge of being fugitives from justice, awaiting orders from Virginia. These men were first suspected of being the murderers of Wentz, because a riding suit similar to the one worn by Wentz was found in their quarters in the mountains. This suit had bloodstains on it. Wentz is said, was strongly opposed to these men running a blind tiger in Wayne county, Virginia.

MARINERS' SCALE.

Vote Being Taken on Great Lakes as Proposed Carriers' Scale.

Cleveland, May 10.—Members of the Masters and Pilots' Association at all ports on the lakes today are engaged in voting on the question as to whether the offer of the Lake Carriers' Association to pay last year's wage scale should be accepted or rejected. A prominent member of the association said today that probably the proposition would be rejected. He added that the members of the masters and pilots' association were determined to secure a uniform wage scale "or fight all summer."

Big Fight Reported.

Paris, May 11.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent says that it is persistently rumored that there has been a big fight between Martynov, Russian general, the Russians and Gen. Kuroki's men. The Russians, he says, lost heavily. Lieut.-General Sassulitch being among the killed.

THE HAYTI TROUBLE.

Cape Hayti, May 10.—General Albert Sahave, notwithstanding the warning given him by the Dominican government, has not withdrawn and continues to gather many followers on the frontier, where the Hayti government has ordered a heavy concentration of forces. Many partisans of Antenor Firmano, the head of the last revolution, who is now in Paris, have crossed the frontier and combined their forces with those of Sahave.

A violent tumult among the soldiers at Port Arthur resulted in a general panic, and the rumor was then circulated that a revolution had begun.

There are many small business circles and several large houses are likely to suspend. Silver has become very scarce and has resulted in a 75 per cent. premium over paper money. The premium on gold is 420 per cent.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS ALONG THE FRONT

A Russian General Reports Affairs of Outposts Beyond Yalu.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—The general staff has received a despatch from Major-General Karkevitch, dated May 9th, which says:

"On May 5th our scouts discovered at Liayohaiupo, fourteen miles north of Takushan on the left bank of the Taliher river a Japanese detachment one regiment strong. During a fusillade with a line of Japanese sharpshooters one Cossack was killed.

"At Luanmyako, eight miles north of Takushan, on the same bank of the river our scouts were subjected to fire from the right bank. On the same day they met on the main road from Fenchwangchong, four and a half miles from Sanzaiapuza, on the Taliher river, and twenty-one miles north of Takushan, the extreme outposts of the enemy's scouts, who hid in the mountains.

"On the following day, Japanese scouts appeared at Liandaijen, six miles south of Salitzapuza and in the valley of the Selske river near the mouth of the Selskekhgo.

"According to Chinese information, Japanese detachments numbering three infantry regiments in all, are in the mountains fifteen or twenty miles from Doyan.

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The force occupied a position on the steep heights. After a well sustained fire, the enemy withdrew to Ujan.

The Russian casualties were one soldier killed and four wounded and seven horses killed.

On May 2nd eight Cossacks, reconnoitring between Sinsing and Tsiantshau, thirty miles westward of Tsinsing, were attacked at Tchasheng by a band of well-armed robbers, apparently Chinese bandits. During the ensuing fusillade one Cossack was wounded and three horses were killed. A guide and a Chinese interpreter were also killed.

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Increased Pay For Commandants

Minister of Militia Announces That Salaries of D. O. C's Will Be Raised.

Recommendation Contained in Lord Dundonald's Annual Report.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 10.—Several militia regiments were taken up in the house tonight. Mr. Clark, Toronto, urged an increase of pay to the District Officers Commanding. Sir Frederick Borden admitted they did not receive enough. He promised to increase the pay to a satisfactory amount, but was not prepared to say how much.

The Natal Rifle Association has invited the D. O. C. to send a team from Canada to take part in its annual matches. It is highly likely that the invitation will be accepted.

Lord Dundonald's annual report recommends that garrison artillery companies should be organized and armed with heavy batteries. He also suggests the attachment of an army veterinary department, and the establishment of more schools of infantry. He says the Mother country has assigned colors to Canada corps which took part in the South African war as follows: Royal Canadian Dragoons, Mounted Rifles, Field Artillery, Garrison Artillery, Canadian Regiment and Strathcona's Horse.

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Three Columns Now Marching on Liaoyang Where a Battle is Reported.

Feng Wang Cheng Captured by Troops not Present at the Yalu Battle.

London, May 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, under date of May 10th, says that the Japanese army is advancing in three divisions. The first from Fenchwangchong, the second from Pochuan and Chinchon to Yangtze-kiang, the third from Kiangshui with the object of severing communication with the rear of Liaoyang where only small preparations for defense have been made.

Spencer Wilkinson, in an article in the Morning Post, thinks there is no inherent improbability in the foregoing suggestion. Three armies are advancing against General Kuropatkin from Fenchwangchong—from Pori Adams, Kao-ping, and the third to General Kuroki's right with a view of turning the Russian left, but Mr. Wilkinson adds: "It is impossible to say whether the Shanghai despatch is based on guesswork or on authentic information."

So far no confirmation has reached London of the reported battle at Liaoyang.

One of the explanations of the restoration of the Port Arthur railway suggested here, is that the landing of the Japanese at Pitsweo was interrupted by a gale and compelled their retirement to the coast, or the Japanese are allowing the line to remain open for the removal of the dead from Port Arthur prior to a bombardment.

According to a telegram from Shanghai, General Kuropatkin is making a general concentration of troops at Maotien-pu where the next great battle is expected to take place.

The Standard's correspondent at Tientsin considers that the procedure of the Chinese government requires careful observation. He says he does not desire to appear as an alarmist, but he thinks that China's military activity and the accumulation of funds in Pekin are not entirely connected with the Russian war, and that the powers would be wise to strengthen their position and to watch every movement closely.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Pekin says that the Japanese first army from the Yalu river is already threatening the Russian position at Haicheng.

The second army marching in three divisions in order to co-operate with General Kuroki has defeated the Russians near Wauingtien with great loss, the correspondent says, and he adds the Japanese artillery was splendidly handled.

The Daily Chronicle notes that there are two Wauingtien, one on the railway north of Port Arthur twenty miles west of Kaiping on the road to Fenchwangchong.

The Daily Chronicle's Tokio correspondent declares that Port Arthur will be bombed with heavy guns and that the Japanese will be based on a weak and vulnerable point in the defenses.

The correspondent adds that the Russians have captured forty-six junks on the Liao river laden with Chinese government rice which was destined for Tientsin, and that Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai has strongly protested against the action.

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OLYMPIC GAMES.

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THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

We cannot but regret the tone in which the report made by the Water Commissioner to the City Council on Monday last is couched. The writer seems to regard the subject of the City's water supply, and the means which should be adopted in order to make it adequate to the public requirements, as something which should be left exclusively to his decision. In taking such a course the Water Commissioner makes a great mistake in judgment and weakens his own cause. As far as we are concerned, we approach the subject with an entirely open mind. If the use of meters by all consumers is the best and—according to the Water Commissioner—the only practicable method of securing a supply for the consumers in all parts of the City, then we are with the Commissioner in his contention. But so far he has not proved this in any manner. Although he appears to be determined to deny that any other course but the universal use of meters is practicable, a careful perusal of the report he made to the City Council on Monday shows that he himself realizes that his plan, if adopted, will not solve the problem and provide an adequate supply of water. He would simply restrict the legitimate consumption for a time, realizing that in the not remote future the actual situation will compel such improvements to the waterworks as will provide a reasonable supply for all parts of the City.

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THE WAR.

The most interesting item in today's news from the seat of war is the statement that the Russians have succeeded in again establishing railway communication with Port Arthur. The report comes from St. Petersburg and no details are given of the manner in which this has been accomplished. It is also stated that General Stoessel, who is in command of the forces at Port Arthur, has engaged the enemy and succeeded in driving him away. We must await further information before we can form any opinion as to the situation there. It may be that the Japanese have not yet succeeded in landing a sufficient force behind Port Arthur to completely invest it and have temporarily withdrawn until reinforcements can be brought up. It will be surprising if after the carefully worked out methods which the Japanese have pursued throughout the campaign, they should suddenly fail in what is an important operation against the Russian stronghold. Probably a day or two will bring information that will explain the discrepancy between these reports and those of Monday last. Later information also contradicts the statement that the Japanese had captured Dalny. If the statement that railway communication with Port Arthur is again established is correct, it is improbable that Dalny has been invested.

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United Boxmakers' and Sawyers have an international membership of 31,000, and 12,000 of that number are paper boxmakers.

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Labor Day.—A committee of the Trades and Labor Council will meet tonight in Labor hall for the purpose of considering preliminary arrangements for Labor Day, which will be celebrated this year in Victoria.

Island Railway.—The Nanaimo city council has passed a resolution against J. Cain's island railway proposition, declaring that any railway built on the island must connect with the B. & N. and Wellington and by branch with Alberni.

Prizes for Children.—School children are this year to be offered good prizes by the British Columbia Agricultural Association for the best exhibits of animals by public school children, to be grown by themselves. Prizes will be offered as follows: 1, \$3.00; 2, \$2.50; 3, \$2.00; 4, \$1.50.

Wanted For Forgery.—Yesterday morning Chief of Police John Langley received word from Winnipeg that an officer had left for Victoria for the purpose of bringing back Fred Peverett, who was arrested by the chief and Detective Perdue. Peverett is wanted in Winnipeg for forgery.

St. Louis Fair.—Commencing today and continuing for three days, Great Northern Railway Company will sell reduced round trip tickets to the World's Fair, St. Louis. The price of these is about half the ordinary fare. The C. P. R. and Northern Pacific are offering similarly reduced rates.

Elected Officers.—The Mount Sicker & Breton Mining Company has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. T. J. Jones; secretary, R. T. Elliott; directors, J. L. Beckwith, R. L. Drury, W. A. Dier, T. J. Jones, H. Dier, T. D. Conway and R. R. Dier; auditor, C. B. Baxter.

Homing Association.—This evening the Victoria Homing Association will meet at 8 o'clock for the transmission of business. The meeting will be held at the Merchant's Service Guild hall, Langley street. Not only are the members invited to be present, but all who take an interest in homing pigeons are also asked to attend.

Water Meters.—While the discussion respecting the merits of the meter system in connection with Victoria's water supply shows no signs of abatement, critics have apparently lost sight of the fact that tenders for 350 more meters have already been invited. These tenders are to be in by next Monday, and the contract will be awarded at the evening session of the council. Those who urge the calling of a public meeting in protest have, therefore, no much time to lose.

True Blue Social.—The loyal True Blue Association will hold one of their pleasant socials in A. O. U. Hall, Yates street, on Friday evening next. An excellent programme has been prepared. The work of this order should recommend itself to all orphans and rescue work. It should be well patronized.

Vernon Illustrated.—A neat folder descriptive of Vernon, the centre of the steamerish Okanagan valley has been issued by the Okanagan Standard & Trade. The little volume contains a great deal of information on the natural wealth of that district and is illustrated with typical views of the valley, its fruit, its cereals and its game. The booklet is published by the Vernon News Co.

New Brick Block.—Preparations are being made for the erection of the new brick block on Fort street by P. R. Brown, Ltd. The occupants of the buildings on the site are vacating their premises. Messrs. Braden Bros. have moved into the store recently occupied by the Bon Ton Co. on Douglas, and R. Harkness into that just vacated by George J. Cook on Fort street.

Police Court.—Yesterday morning at Police court, James Caffery was convicted for stealing a pair of blankets from the Colonial Metropole hotel. He was allowed out on a suspended sentence to appear when called on. His own recognition for \$100 was accepted. Lai Ting, for cleaning fish on the landing and throwing the offal in the harbor, was fined \$5.

Local Exams. in Music.—In all probability the University of Toronto, on the well-known musician, Dr. Allard, to conduct the local examinations in music to be held here. A number of applications have been forwarded from here. It is a fine thing for Victoria that music pupils here can take the examinations in music of Toronto University without leaving Victoria and ought to be an encouragement to good work.

Tourist Booklet.—A profusely illustrated booklet of forty pages, descriptive of St. John and New Brunswick, containing maps and useful information for the traveler, has been received from the Secretary of the New Brunswick Tourist Association at St. John, N. B. Copies will be mailed free to any address on application to Mrs. E. O. Olive, secretary New Brunswick Tourist Association, St. John, N. B. Any person contemplating a trip to New Brunswick should be supplied with this Guide.

Opera Comedy.—The specialties in MacFadden's Row of Pictures, the great twentieth century farce comedy by E. W. Townsend and Glenn MacDoughall, which will be the offering at the Victoria theatre tomorrow evening, are among the most novel and costly features ever presented on stage. The company are such well-known stage artists as the Expedition Four, the Yellow Kids, Joe Willard, Brett Reed, Jerry Sullivan, Walter Bramblette, Ted Simonsen, Belle Gold, Ada Bushell, May Baker and Libby Hart.

Grand Trunk Pacific.—At Ottawa, on 27th April, Senator Macdonald inquired of the government, more particularly of the cabinet minister for British Columbia, if any effort was made or suggestion made before the signing of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract that it should contain a stipulation for construction to commence on this coast simultaneously to commence from Winnipeg. Mr. Templer replied that the contract did not bind the company to commence at any particular point, and no suggestion was made as to where they should commence.

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Eagles Excursion.—The Eagles are to run a cheap excursion to Seattle on Sunday next on the occasion of the dedication at the Sound city of the new \$40,000 Eagle home. Five thousand Eagles are expected to participate and there will be a monster parade. All those desiring to accompany them can procure tickets from Frank Leroy, secretary F. O. E., or at Fred Carme's Grocery. Tickets good going on steamer Whatcom Saturday, May 14th, at 8 p.m. and on Rosalie, sailing at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 15th; returning on steamer Rosalie, Sunday at 8 p.m., or steamer Whatcom, Monday, May 16th, at 9 a.m. The fare for the round trip is \$2.

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School Board.—The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees will be held in the city hall this evening. The matter of providing more accommodation for the school children will be further discussed.

New Thought League.—A reunion will be held on Thursday next at 8 o'clock at the Metropolitan building, up stairs. All interested in the subject are cordially invited to be present. A success circle will also be formed. Various subjects of interest will be given by members; music and singing and a pleasant evening for all who do not come in a critical spirit.

Odd Fellows' Souvenir.—Rossland is going to give the delegates to the Odd Fellows' convention a very good time. The Royal Mountain Miner, "The annual session of the grand lodge convention here on June 8th and 9th, Rossland Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has devised an exceptionally neat and handsome souvenir badge for presentation to grand lodge delegates and visiting members of the fraternity. The badge is gold plated and embossed with the words "Golden City" in black lettering on white enamel. Below is the ribbon of crimson silk, with the date and event in gold lettering. From the ribbon is suspended a medal one and a half inches in diameter, framed in gold, depicting the golden gate of the La-Tai headquarters on white enamel. Over all the souvenir is three and a quarter inches in length. It will certainly be valued by its recipients."

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Tram to Cemetery.—There is every indication that this year the tramway company will have its lines extended to the cemetery. A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was seen yesterday by a Colonist reporter and asked if such an extension would be likely undertaken this year. Mr. Goward replied that such a hope was entertained. The company was considering the expediency of running a branch line from Fairholme to the road leading to the cemetery. This would involve the minimum of expenditure, and effect an economy over any other route which would necessarily weigh with the company, which desired to give the public at the earliest possible date a service admittedly badly needed. St. Charles street was in the opinion of his company's engineers the easiest and the most feasible route, and it was almost a certainty that it will be chosen.

Capt. Richardson Dead.—Very general regret was expressed yesterday at the announcement of the sudden death of Capt. M. Richardson, secretary to the minister of mines. A slight indisposition experienced on Monday developed rapidly, fatal to the health, and yesterday morning his passing away at his residence. His widow, Mrs. Richardson, survives him, and two children, Miss Muriel and Laundon, assistant in the Royal Bank of this city. Born in Eltham, Kent, England, fifty-nine years ago, deceased at an early age obtained a commission in the imperial army, and after twelve years' service with the colors, he retired. In 1893 he came to British Columbia. Purchasing the Theodore Davie property at Dunsmuir, the family resided there for a time. In 1896 he removed to Victoria, taking the position of secretary to Lt.-Governor Dowling. Upon the change in the office of Lt.-Governor, Capt. Richardson entered the provincial civil service as secretary to the minister of mines, a position which he held up to the time of his death. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from 113 Menzies street at 2:30, and later from Christ Church Cathedral.

A Thoughtful Captain.—Capt. Sears, of the steamship Iroquois, reports that while passing Reef point, Thetis island, Tuesday on the trip from Nanaimo, he saw a sandpiper duck with a flock of nine young birds about four weeks old ahead of the ship. The bird was going straight towards them, and the mother bird would not leave them only a few feet, as he changed the steamer's course to avoid running over them, it being evident that the mother could not fly. The steamer ran within five feet of them.

Meet Mill Men.—Mill men are to meet the council of the board of trade on Friday morning for the purpose of discussing the lumber trade situation. At the meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday morning the lumbermen were present in force. The dumping by the San Joaquin into the Northwest market to the detriment of the British Columbia mill owners, was brought before the board. The council withheld action until Friday, in view of the fact that the members were not in possession of sufficient information to warrant action being taken.

A Popular Resort.—On the conclusion of the dinner enjoyed at the Strathcona hotel, Shingwauk, on Saturday evening, by the members of the Board of Fire Underwriters of British Columbia, the hostess, Mrs. J. H. Wark, was presented with an address, which read as follows: "We, the members of the Board of Fire Underwriters of British Columbia, on our departure from the Strathcona hotel, desire to express our sincere appreciation of your kindness to us during our visit. The beauties of Shingwauk lake, the homey comforts of the Strathcona hotel, under your management, and the courteous treatment extended by all, add to the regrets with which we bid you farewell. We can assure you that the acquaintance of our visit has been more than pleasant, and we hope for many more years to come."

Last Rites.—The funeral of the late Alexander Cecil Rogers Knox took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the family residence, No. 42 Cook street, and at St. Barnabas' church, at which service was conducted by the Rev. P. G. Miller, and assisted by the Rev. W. D. Barton, at the church grave. Appropriate hymns were sung at the church. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings. The following acted pallbearers: H. O. Littlefield, E. E. Wootton, Frank Barnes, T. Elkington, W. Duck, U. K. Gray.

Meet in Victoria.—Next year Victoria will share the pleasure of entertaining the Presbyterian synod of British Columbia at its annual convention. This information was received in communication from the Rev. A. E. Evans, superintendent of Chinese missions in British Columbia, and the only local representative at the synod meeting, to Rev. W. Leslie Clay. It is probable the gathering of the Presbyterian ministers of the West will take place during the month of May next spring and no doubt some arrangement will be made for the entertainment of the visitors.

The Sooke Drawing.—Richard Caines, who was with Thomas Scott at Sooke when the latter was drowned, as reported in yesterday morning's Colonist, made a statement yesterday to Mr. F. Murray. Scott went forward to lower the sal, and in some manner lost his footing, stumbled and fell overboard. Caines, who was steering, brought the ship about and made for the spot where he had seen Scott struggling in the water, but could not trace him. He searched for fifteen or twenty minutes and then proceeded to Sooke.

Neither Scott nor himself, he said, had been drinking and there had been no trouble between them.

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During the trial for murder, at the Assizes, of Wong On and Wong Gow, who will suffer the extreme penalty of the law, the following proclamation of the Chinese Benevolent Society was read and translated exactly as produced by interpreter David C. Lee.

Beg to Say.—In Wong On and Man Quong; Had a conversation trouble on the night morning of the 14th of April, 1903, between Wong On and Man Quong with iron bars and knuckles. Man Quong and Wong Ah Sun assisted some. Wong Gow, Wong Sum, with 50 or 60 people, assisted, and beaten half to death, then thrown him down upstairs. At that moment his face like of a dead, and unconscious. The police immediately sent him to the hospital. At the same night he was dead from the cause of serious injured. On the 16th day Coroners examined the corpse. Found him severely hurt on his head, and cut were torn about five inches. Kidneys also wounded his body were hurt in several ten places.

It is certainly fearful and heart-rending. It caused the sympathy of any human being. The cause is only the strong oppressed the weak. If not have them arrested the small family like the Man who has scarcely any help, and as the fearful large Wong family of this city, and in time how could smaller families would dare to move about. Now if the small family oppress by them and afraid to defend, them in days to come when they will make trouble to the large family.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, May 10.—Only the special activity of such a usually dormant stock as Consolidated Gas saved today's stock market from the smallest aggregate of transactions for the year. On May 10, before the Northern Securities decision was handed down, the total sales for the day fell to 74,000 shares. The conviction is growing, however, that the cause of stagnation in the stock market is deeper lying than any temporary factor and has to do with the gradual emerging of the conditions of general contraction. In business and industry in all directions, a contraction is the definite wheat crop in promise. The dread of a poor showing in the government report of crop conditions as of May 1 to 8 given out this afternoon was the cause of heavy tone of the market. The varying opinions of prospects for the Remsen Gas bill under consideration by the Governor of New York, caused the market to fluctuate. The stock market, in the Consolidated Gas, Southern part of the present extreme paucity of the dealings in stocks is undoubtedly due to the refusal of business from outside customers of a class whose activity has been under probation on the Consolidated Stock Exchange for several days. The new president of the Stock Exchange took the occasion of his installation to broadly declare that the decision of the Stock Exchange authorities of more or less improper connection between members and such outside sources of business is a connection which the rules of the Stock Exchange aim to forbid.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales per value, \$1,200,000. United States Bonds were unchanged on call.

Chicago, May 10.—Close: Wheat, May 93¢; July 86; Old 87¢; Sept 80¢; Old 81¢ to 82¢; Corn, May 47; July 43¢; 8¢; Sept 43; Dec 43¢; Oats, May 40¢; July 38¢ to 3¢; Sept 30¢.

New York, May 10.—Close: Amn Copper 47¢; Loco pfd 82¢; Sugar 126¢; Gold Foundry 17¢; Anaconda 7¢; Atch 72¢; pfd 32¢; B & W 75¢; G & R 75¢; C & G 12¢; N.Y. 147¢; S. 35¢; S. 12¢; Con Gas 20¢; C. I. 31¢; Corn Prod 10¢; do pfd 65¢; D & L & W 28¢; D & R G com 20; Gen Electric 155; H. Cent 130; Man Elev 143¢; Mo Pac 91¢; Soc 62; do pfd 110; Metro 109; N.Y. C. 113¢; Erie 22¢; do 1st pfd 62¢; do 2nd pfd 37¢; N.Y. O & W 21¢; Pac Mall 4¢; Penn. 11¢; do 2nd pfd 62¢; Rock Is. 22¢; Soc. Ry 10¢; do 1st pfd 5¢; Soc. Pac 47; T. C. I. 35¢; Tex. Pac 22¢; U. S. Lead 63¢; U. S. Steel 10; do pfd 55¢; Union Pacific 83¢; Wash. 18; do pfd 37¢; W. U. 89¢; Wm. Cent 17¢; C. P. R. in London 12¢; Mackay com 24 and 23¢; pfd 67¢ and 69.

New York, May 10.—Close: Money 1/4 to 1/2; ruling rate and last loan 1/4; 1/2; 1/2; usually stiffer; 60 and 90 days 2/2; 6 months 3 to 4.

London, May 10.—Consols £80 11s. 16d.; do for account 89¢.

London, May 10.—Lead £11 17s. 6d.; New York lead 45¢.

New York, May 10.—Close: Prime marketable paper 3/4 to 4¢; new cent. Steaming and heating 1/2 to 1/2¢; 48¢ for demand notes at \$4,000 for 60 days bills. Postage rates \$4.50¢ to \$1.88. Commercial bills \$4.50¢. Bar silver 55¢. Mexican dollars 44¢. Government bonds steady. R. R. bonds irregular.

New York, May 10.—Close: Pig Iron quiet. Copper quiet. Straights quiet. Lead quiet. Tin quiet. Spelter quiet.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE.

Hay is bringing a good price and dealers are offering \$17 per ton for Fraser river hay. Island hay being almost off the market. Potatoes, though scarce, are not bringing the farmer the price expected. The local jibbers are offering the following prices: f.o.b. dock, Victoria: 1 bushel, Fr. river, per ton \$17.00 1 bushel, Island, per ton 10.00 Straw, per ton 10.00 Oats, per ton 25.00 Barley, per ton 27.00

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Passengers per steamer Princess Beaute from Seattle: C. F. Marzon and wife, Mr. Erle M. Anderson, Mrs. Byron Holmes, Mr. Walker, Mr. Cox, A. Hamfield, Anton Selsler, E. C. Parker, Mr. Leam, Mrs. D. A. Edgar, Robt. Dupuyl, Mr. Call, J. L. Mooney, A. Frund, Girl from Pixie Theatrical Co. (35 persons), H. C. Wagner, Geo. Kitchen, A. B. Washington, A. E. Williams, H. W. Bartner, C. H. Fife, Mrs. D. Jones.

Passenger per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver: D. Headley, Mr. Cartwright, E. R. Corren, Mrs. Janlon, Miss Crawford, E. R. Janlon, Mrs. Pell, Ed. Pell, P. D. Divore and wife, R. Ratcliffe, W. J. Ladner, A. W. Thornton, T. Horn, T. A. McBride, J. D. Cleaton, Mrs. H. H. Richards, Capt. Alexander, Dr. Bell-Irving, C. A. Jones, E. McKinley, W. Watson, F. P. Springall, W. Kerman, F. C. Cotton, Mrs. Black, G. J. Burnett, E. Ferguson, R. G. Tatlow, Mrs. Cochrane, J. R. Cochrane, J. R. Brantley, Mrs. P. Roberts, J. Smith, Mrs. Forbes, S. P. Moody, P. Lindsay, A. J. Boyd, A. H. Hawkins, H. A. Hartley, G. K. G. Bagshaw, C. Wilson, G. Wilson, G. H. Barrington, J. Thomas, W. P. Scott, G. H. Johnson, R. Cartwright, S. Whiteman, Miss Fort, H. H. Stanley, E. Cozman, L. G. Bird, J. McGowan, Captain Robertson.

Passenger per steamer Princess Beaute from Nanaimo: A. Martin, J. Martin, W. E. Wilson, Dr. Foot, Mrs. Bittencourt, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Crofton, D. S. Harris, J. T. Collins, J. Maxwell, J. Lunney, Miss Mollett, J. C. Maynard, C. S. James, R. C. Knobell, James J. Watson, Charles Ward, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Master Smith.

*C. N. Henson in some concluding pages tries to build up a theory which is to restore the Bible to its proper place as a moral guide and a unique book of spiritual consolation. But if the earlier pages of the essay mean anything, they point to a restriction in the use of the word "Christian." For ourselves, we do not hesitate to say that an article like this, taken up by one of the dignitaries of the church, is to the last degree misleading, mischievous, and deplorable. For the appeal, as we understand it, is not made to the small circle of learned and critical scholars, but to the ordinary church-going congregation. It is the usual academic mistake to think that life means knowledge. For ourselves, we do not hesitate to say that an article like this, taken up by one of the dignitaries of the church, is to the last degree misleading, mischievous, and deplorable. 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Lenora Mining
Co. Reorganized

Hon. Mr. Justice Drake Decided
Yesterday That Majority
Value Ruled.

Decision Will Probably Mean Ex-
tensive Development of
Mine This Summer.

Yesterday afternoon before the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, Mr. W. E. Oliver made an application for the court's sanction of the acceptance of the cabled offer of Liquidator Matsen re the unsecured creditors of the Lenora Mining Company. At the meeting held on Saturday last, a majority of votes rejected the proposal, but a large majority of value approved of it. Mr. Rogers represented the secured creditors, Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., the Crofton smelter and Mr. F. B. Gregory the dissenting unsecured creditors.

Mr. Oliver first argued his case and quoted authorities, saying that since the meeting he had received word from three other creditors assenting to the proposal, these claims amounted to \$1,074.

Mr. Rogers said that he had received cabled instructions from four others, whose claims amounted to \$87,884. His Lordship thought these should be considered as the parties had not sufficient notice to attend the meeting or send instructions in time for it.

Mr. Bodwell said that all he was there for was to assure the court of the value of the Crofton smelter. His principals, he said, were not much concerned whether the English offer was accepted or not.

Mr. Gregory concluded the argument by reading an affidavit by J. Wilson. He argued against the proposition altogether.

His Lordship ruled that the majority vote should rule. He said that at present there was absolutely no prospect of the unsecured creditors getting anything, but that under the proposed compromise or sale that there was at least a good chance.

This decision, therefore, practically closes the deal. The option which Mr. Matsen has expires on the 20th inst., and in all probability the decision of the court will be cabled in order to enable him to conclude with the English capitalists at once.

The result of the negotiations will be eagerly awaited. If everything is satisfactorily concluded, as now seems very probable, the new company will doubtless start active operations at once and have the mine systematically developed. Should this prove correct, it means that another large industry will be added to the already growing list on Vancouver Island. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of mining men that the Lenora mine contains the paying ore, providing the property is properly and scientifically developed. Up to date it can scarcely be said that this has been done and the general opinion of the mining fraternity has been that heretofore it has been conducted on somewhat haphazard lines.

REGARDLESS OF COST.

How the Thrifty Jap Can Spend Money
When it is Necessary.

By the Japanese papers received yesterday on the Empress of India, it is learned that the Japanese attempt to block Port Arthur harbor entrance on April 19th cost a pot of money in tramp steamers. The following Avery the ships and their cost used in trying to bottle the Russian squadron:

Bushu Maru, valued at \$75,000; Cuyu Maru, \$90,000; Higoku Maru, \$91,000; Jinsen Maru, \$100,000; Tin Sin, \$267,000; Fukui, \$124,000; Youyama, \$30,000; Yuhoku, \$201,000; Chiyu, \$163,000; Total, \$1,241,800.

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Captain Fuji is a short, thick-set man with a straggling black moustache, and he does not impress the casual observer as a person who would be entrusted by any government with the responsibility of performing the task of passing final judgment upon the workmanship of two warships costing that government not less than five or six million dollars each. Yet that is just exactly where the casual observer gets beautifully cheated, for a close observer immediately discovers in talking for two minutes with this smiling, slant-eyed, stout little man, that here is

A FIRST-CLASS BRAIN: here is one who will go down to the bottom of that battleship and run his eye along every inch of her garboard stroke, keelson, cheeks, mould, forecastle, stem, and so on, with microscopic particularity up through the vast hull to the truck on the military mast and the run of her smokestacks. Not a rivet, not a joint, not an angle-iron will escape scrutiny from those trained eyes.

And if there is aught amiss one can stake one's existence on the assured fact that the builders will know about it, and have to put it right before they get a single ship of their money.

The Japanese learned long ago to trust to white advisers in those matters any further than was necessary. They seek every fraction of what a white man knows, no matter what he is, draft, out of him, and then sarcastically, yet with faultless politeness,

CAST HIM ASIDE: like so much soiled engine-room waste. And then they add a little of their own knowledge to what they got from the white man—and beat him at his own business.

"I'd sooner see Auld Nick himself comin' down yo' gangplank than one o' these Jap inspectors," exclaimed a Scotch foreman in Fairfield yards after a Japanese "job" had been completed.

That expresses the general opinion of the foreign builders for Japan. They are just as bad as the Japanese; they interpret everything so literally; they make no allowance for the frailties and weaknesses of European humanity and seem to think that everybody should be strict and exact as themselves.

If Captain Fuji looks little like a man to feel the edge of Mars' sword, Mr. Suzuki certainly is an engineer. Not one man in a million would ever take him for a man of war; a chosen specialist in naval construction, and one qualified to give instructions in naval tactics. He is as thin, short, slightly built youth, with straggling black hair on his chin, and upper lip; as they say, "he don't want a heavy ear; his face is pale and he wears spectacles; speaks in a shrill, almost timid voice, and has an apologetic manner. Yet this young man also knows how rivets and steel plates should be put together to make a ship.

A MODEPN WAR CANOE: and he can tell whether his country is getting a decent bargain or not. These individual Japanese are as puzzling to one as their nation is to the other nations. They have not the looks, but they certainly have the qualities requisite for occupying reserved seats in the front row of world-affairs.

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The British steamship Quito, has been chartered by the Northwestern Commercial Company for the Nome traffic, says the Post-Intelligencer. The terms of the charter were agreed upon Sunday and the negotiations closed Monday morning. The Quito was secured for the coal-carrying trade. She will take a 500-ton cargo. The company did not name the port to which the Quito would go, but it is understood she will bring the new boats any port on the way out to Japan. As for the Baltic fleet coming round to join the Russian squadrons at Port Arthur and Vladivostok, Captain Fuji said that if they attempted such a junction, the Japanese would send a guard of honor to meet them half way, and escort them to the Orient.

The cruiser Yaring had been successfully raised and would be taken to Sasebo drydock for complete repairs. Her forward and after deck guns, formerly unopposed, would now be housed in barbette or turrets. The Chelupan fight had shown up some of the faults of the Yaring.

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